of Environment and Forests from environment/forest angle with specific reference to major issue like fly ash utilisation, rehabilitaion and resettlement plan and ash disposal plant. An amount of Rs. 57 crores has been allocated in the budget estimates for 1991-92.

Reconstitution of Minorities Commission

474. MAULANA OBAIDULIAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconstitute the Minorities Commission in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of vacant posts of Members of the Commission at present; and

(d) by when the vacancies are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) There is a proposal to confer statutory status on the Minorities Commission.

(c) There are two vacant posts of Members.

(d) The matter is under consideration.

Inclusion of Assam Koch-Rajbanshi in ST List

475. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have receive any proposal from the Assam Koch-Rajbanshi Sarmillan for inclusion of the Rajbanshis in the list of scheduled tribes;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision in the matter;

(c) what is the opinion of the Assam Government on the matter; and

(d) by when Government will take a decision in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Any amendment in the existing list of scheduled tribes can be made only through an Act of Parliament as laid down in Article 342(2) of the Constitution.

Development of Tribal Areas in Andhra Pradesh

476. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for accelerating development of tribal areas in Andhra Pradesh is under way;

(b) if so, what are the details of the same and the central assistance provided under the scheme; and

(c) what progress has been made so far under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Curbing atrocities on SC/ST and other weaker sections of the society

477. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 116 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd September, 1991 and state the reponse of the State Governments to the measures taken by the Central Government to curb atrocities on SCs/STs and other weaker sections?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): All the State Governments and U.T. Administrations, except Arunechal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland have specified/special courts for the trial of offences under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The State Government of Rajasthan has set up six and the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has set up three exclusive special courts also.

The Act does not extend to Jammu and Kashmir.

Special Public Prosecutors have also been specified in the State and UTs for conducting the cases in such specified special courts. The State Governments have been advised to take such other measures as may be necessary for the effective implementation of the Act.

मध्य प्रदेश में आदिवासी उप योजना विभाग

478. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

कुमारी आलिया :

क्या **कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान केंद्रीय सरकार द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश में आदिवासी उप-योजना विभाग को वर्ष-वार तथा परियोजना-वार कितनी-कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई है;

(ख) क्या आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले अनुसूचित जनजातियों के व्यक्तियों को इस उपयोजना का लाभ मिला है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसका कितने प्रतिशत लोगों को लाभ मिला है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में देश के आदिवासी बाहुल्य वाले अन्य क्षेत्रों की क्या स्थिति है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी): (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कल्याण मंत्रालय द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश को आदिवासी उप-योजना के लिए परियोजनावार निर्मुक्त की गई विशेष केंद्रीय सहायता दर्शाने वाला विवरण अनुबंध में दिया गया है। [देखिए परिशिष्ट 191, अनुबंध संख्या 12]

(ख) से (घ) सूचना विभिन्न श्रोतों से एकत्रित की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

अल्पसंख्यकों के कल्याण हेतु कार्यक्रम

479 **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

कुमारी आलिया :

क्या **कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या 15-सूत्री कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत अल्पसंख्यकों के कल्याण हेतु कोई कार्यक्रम तैयार किया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, जो उक्त कार्यक्रमों के कार्यान्वयन में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार अल्पसंख्यकों के उत्थान के लिए चालू वर्ष के दौरान कोई विशेष कार्यक्रम आरम्भ करने का विचार रखती है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी): (क) से (ग) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।